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Served by Reverend Father Alex Shuter, Pastor

Sun Feb 14	9:45 a.m.	FIRST SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST	<i>Festal Tone 5 Pg 146 & 180</i>
	10:00 am	Hebrews 11:24-26-32-12:2 John 1:43-151	
		Eastern Catholic Formation classes	
		ISLAM: It's History, Theology & Practices talk by Dr. John Williams continues in the Church	
Tues Feb 16	11:00 a.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + JOHN RUSCUS	
		requested by Sister Alphina Chepter	
	Afterwards	Hospitality	
Wed Feb 17	9:00 a.m.	Health and God's blessing for the MARGAN FAMILY	
		requested by Katarina Margan	
	Afterward	Coffee Hour Discussion Group Traditions of Ash Wednesday	
Thu Feb 18	9:00 a.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + ROSE ELIVIRA HERRARA GARIBAY	
		requested by the Kelly family	
Fri Feb 19	9:00 a.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + JOSEPHINE WALSH	
		requested by Monica Ruscus	
	Afterwards	Recitation of the Holy Rosary in church	
Sun Feb 21	9:00 a.m.	LITURGY of the PRESANCIFIED GIFTS	<i>Festal Tone 6 Pg 152 & 183</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the souls of + BELINE, KOKINDA, MAYZA, MUCHEN, POLANSKY FAMILIES	
		requested by Martha Ann Kokinda	
	Afterwards	Meatless Lenten Supper	
	9:45 a.m.	SECOND SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST	
	10:00 a.m.	Hebrews 1:10-2-3 Mark 2:1-12	
		Eastern Catholic Formation classes	
		ISLAM: It's History, Theology & Practices talk by Dr. John Williams in the Church	
	11:00 a.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the souls of + ELVIRA and ANTHONY DEGASPARI	
		requested by the Kelly family	
	Afterwards	Second Hramoty	
		Hospitality	
	1:30 p.m.	Bowling at the AMF Lanes in Williamsburg	
	3-6:00 p.m.	St. Luke's Icon Guild	

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ADULT EDUCATION: ISLAM: IT'S HISTORY, THEOLOGY & PRACTICES. Dr. John Williams will guide us through a discussion of Islam to help clarify how this religion came to be; what is it's essential theology and how it has developed over the centuries. 10 a.m. in the church for this informative presentation.

CONGRATULATIONS to the **HALUPKI OLYMPICS** winners: **GOLD** medalist is **Sister Rosemary Nakumicha**; **SILVER** medalist is **Alex Kaczur**; and **BRONZE** medalist is **Oksana Mytulynska**. Many, many thanks to the rest of our participants for their culinary talents: **Betty Mae Hertz, Jeffrey Sotack, Nadya Carden; Don Merkley, Bob Linderman, Patty Duttry and Tom McGraw**. Each runner up received a commemorative bottle of wine. Without you this event would not be a success! Thank you to our wonderful Halupki Olypmic judges: **Fr. Alex Shuter, Dr. Michael Lechman, Delores Clinton, Lisa Branden and David Efimetz**. The judges tasted every halupki and had a very difficult job deciding on the final results.

The **Men's Club** will pay the bowling fees for any of the parish children who would like to go bowling at **Williamsburg Lanes** on Olde Towne Road after Liturgy next Sunday 21 February. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside St. Philip's Hall. Adults are encouraged to come along to cheer them on or try your skill at bowling too.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday thru Tuesday February 21-23 St. Luke's Icon Guild
Sunday-February 21- 2nd Hramoty Sunday
Sunday-February 21-KID'S BOWLING after Liturgy @ Williamsburg Lanes-about 1:00-1:30
Friday February 26-Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows
Sunday-February 28- 3rd Hramoty Sunday

Tuesday March 1-Ladies Guild Social meeting at 6 p.m. @ Olive Garden
Friday March 4-Outreach Committee meeting 11:30 a.m. @ Capitol Pancake House
Friday-March 4- Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows
Tuesday March 8-Parish Advisory Board meeting 7 p.m. St. Philip's Hall
Friday March 11- Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows
SATURDAY - MARCH 12 Changing of the clocks ~~~ SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR~~~
Sunday thru Tuesday-March 13-15-St. Luke's Icon Guild
Tuesday March 15- Men's Club meeting 7 p.m. St. Philip's Hall
Thursday March 17-Baking Kolachy in St. Philip's Hall
Friday March 18-Wrapping the palms and pussywillow-time to be announced
Friday March 18- Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows
Saturday March 26-Vigil at the Grave/Tomb in church. More information to follow.

Trustees: Myron Kotyk, Don Merkley, Monica M. Ruscus

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

☞☞☞ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ☞☞☞

	This Week (Feb 14)	Next Week (Feb 21)
Ushers	Anna Baysura & Morgan Kelly	Bob Linderman & Margaret Moore
Lector	Johann Weller	Patty Duttry
Hospitality	Sharon Guethe	Ann Kelly
Offertory Recorders	Don Merkley & Myron Kotyk	Chris Noonan & Patty Duttry

Thank you for your contributions (Feb 7, 2016)

Offertory Recorders are reminded to complete an Operating Account (...401) deposit slip to be included in the Bank Bag. Thank you

Offertory/Monthly Dues	\$1,136.00	• Mortgage donation envelopes are available in the
Candles	24.00	entry hall magazine rack.
ECL	51.00	
Easter Flowers	25.00	• \$50 Mortgage donations this week.
Fuel	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$1,246.00</u>	MORTGAGE contributions to date: \$44,631.05

God loves a cheerful giver. St. Paul

Recurring Events Reminders

ROSARY will be said in church after Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.	Thursday	Weekly
POT LUCK Luncheon and Bring-A-Friend Sunday	1st Sun	Mar 6
LADIES GUILD meeting at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room	1st Tue	Mar 1
OUTREACH meeting @ 11:30 a.m.@ Capital Pancake House (SPECIAL MEETING)	1st Fri	Mar 4
ADVISORY BOARD meeting in St. Philip’s Hall at 7 p.m. (<i>Alternate months</i>)	2nd Tue	Mar 8
F*I*S*H: Non-perishable foods, cleaning & household products, clothing, etc.	2nd Sun	Mar 13
MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST SANDWICHES after Liturgy (<i>Alternate months</i>)	3rd Sun	Apr 17
MEN’S CLUB meeting St. Philip’s Hall at 7:00 p.m. (<i>Alternate months</i>)	3rd Tue	Mar 15
ST. LUKE’S ICON GUILD in St. Philip’s Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon & Tue)	3rd week	Feb 21-23

Information Regarding Sacraments and Sacramentals

*Father Alex is available for the **Holy Mystery of Reconciliation** before Divine Liturgy on Sundays (10:00 a.m.) or a half hour before weekday liturgies. By appointment as well.

*Receiving the **Mystery of Holy Eucharist**: As you approach Father please tell him your name so that the prayer can be personalized for you; lift the cloth beneath your chin; next tilt your head back; widely open your mouth but do not extend your tongue. No response is required for the prayer. The Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ will be dropped into your mouth from a golden spoon.

***Mirovanja** is a sacramental blessing with holy oil, which is applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross by the priest while proclaiming the appropriate greeting of the season. Proclaim the appropriate response and then receive a piece of blessed, leavened bread. Greetings and responses include: Christ is among us! He is and He shall be! //Christ is Born! Glorify Him! // Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan! // Christ is Risen! Indeed He is risen! // Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Prayer Intentions for FEBRUARY

Sanctuary Lamp—The lamp is burning for the blessed repose of the soul of + **Patrick Conroy** requested by Mary Sullivan

Christ the Teacher—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **Annette Bednar** requested by Monica Ruscus

Theotokos & Child—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **Kyra Noonan** requested by Christine Noonan

Saint Nicholas—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **Justin Blascak** requested by Josephine and Joseph Horvath

Saint John the Baptizer—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **John Blascak** requested by Josephine and Joseph Horvath

Tetrapod—The candles burn for health and God’s blessing for **Joseph Horvath** requested by Josephine Horvath

Protection of the Theotokos—The candles burn for blessed repose of the soul of + **Elvira DeGaspari** requested by Ann, Morgan and Kevin Kelly

ICON CANDLE REQUEST cards are in magazine rack. ✂ Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship is filled for 2016✂
✂ Icon sponsorship is \$11.00/month; Tetrapod and Protection of the Theotokos \$22.00/month

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and/or infirmed or in need of prayers: Tom Hoffmier, Bobby Haring, Steve Guethe, Ron Spoerl, Fran & John Wullert, Tony Kass, Col. Ted Mathews, Jr., Mary Edmonds, Rene Espinoza, Linda Farley, Kathleen Park, Larry Vaughan, Ed Scott, Karen Pfeifer, Kathy Alexander, Myron Kotyk, Ray and Pamela Williams, Samuel Lee, Evanlyn Kirby, Peter & Hope Van Alstine, Kathleen Stangas, Mary Lou & Annette Bednar, Larry & Mary Ann Drumtra, Keith Cooper, Tim Culpepper, Amelia Schmidt, Jessica Hill, Mary T. Sullivan, Joan Griffin, Sandy Acker, Jason Haag, Monica Ruscus, Janie Young, Brian Hurtig, Don Merkley, Ron Radda, Fr. Bob Chope, Patty & Michael Dunham, Josephine, Joseph & Courtney Horvath, Audrey Bill, Merle Phillips, Robert Sotack, Prof. John A. Williams.

If you or someone you know is **sick or in need of prayers**, please contact Monica Ruscus at 259-5890 or email out2sea@reagan.com to add or remove names from this prayer list.

Pray for our Military and their Leaders
Lord, please hold our troops in Your loving Hands, especially when they are in harm’s way. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our country’s time of need. Amen.

Lt. Cmdr. Alexander Kaczur, USN
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Happy FEBRUARY Birthday

- 1 Mabel Picconi**
- 4 Angela Bross, DVM**
- 4 Mary Jean Sotack, DDS**
- 6 Julian Picconi**
- 7 Celeste Marie Daignault**
- 9 Greg Pula**
- 9 Joshua Selassie**
- 16 Don Merkley**
- 17 Nadiya Shockley**
- 17 Mike Olson**
- 27 Andrew Baysura**
- 28 Aurelia (Ella) Ferriss**

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